

Congress of the United States

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House Energy and Commerce Committee
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Ranking Member Joe Barton
House Energy and Commerce Committee
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Dear Chairman and Ranking Member,

We write today to ask for your immediate attention to a pressing issue before this Congress and this nation. As you may know, the Department of Energy released draft National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors last week pursuant to section 1221 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Additionally, we joined together in February to introduce H.R. 809 and H.R. 829 to address exactly the problem that has come to fruition.

As you well know, we are faced with an energy and environmental crisis requiring immediate investment in alternative energy sources and pollution controls. However, Section 1221 of the Energy Policy Act does not take this into consideration. With the designation of National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors we are setting the wheels in motion to allow federal siting of new transmission lines to shore up an archaic transmission grid. The current law gives no consideration to investment in alternative energy sources, demand side management, superconductor technology, or to state and local renewables portfolios and comprehensive plans.


As you consider legislation to address climate change and to invest in alternative energy solutions please consider the needs of our electric transmission grid. Allowing implementation of section 1221 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 will perpetuate the problem you are working so diligently to address.

Please take the time to review these pieces of legislation and discuss opportunities to include consideration of the electric transmission grid in upcoming legislation. For more information or to discuss how we can work together to address this issue please contact Anne Georges in Rep. Hinchey's office or Elizabeth Becker in Rep. Wolf's office.

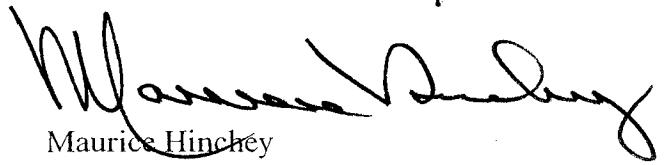
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Frank R. Wolf
Member of Congress



Maurice Hinchey
Member of Congress